

Egremont Board of Health

January 7, 2021, 10:00 am

Zoom Meeting

In Attendance: Charles Ogden, Chairman, Dr. William Rose, Ellen Maggio

Recording: Juliette Haas, Director

- 1) Chairman Ogden called the meeting to order at 10:09 am. The minutes from the December 17, 2020 were adopted with one correction (3-0).
- 2) **Straher/24 Lakeside Dr** As directed by the Board, Director Haas reached out to MassDEP and the Egremont Building Inspector Ned Baldwin regarding the preliminary plan that was presented by Al Thorp at the previous meeting. MassDEP will allow both the 50% reduction in leach field size and 2 foot separation to groundwater under remedial use with the use of the A/I technology. Ned Baldwin stated that if the plan is approved by the Egremont Conservation Commission he would sign off on the building permit. The Board of Health will in the future only comment on issues within their jurisdiction. Director Haas did contact Al Thorp stating a newly constructed well must be 50 feet from a surface water or wetland and that Title 5 does not allow the home to be larger than the current flows (2 bedroom) if the two above-mentioned variances are to be granted. The Board asked Director Haas to issue a letter to the property owner stating the issue of the falling down structure remains and that the permitting process should be taking place now for a Spring 2021 removal.
- 3) **Recent Field Work**
Septic installation/two inspections/51 Millard Road/Juliette
Upgrade Perc/304 Egremont Plain Road/Ed
- 4) **Greenberg/23 Whites Hill Road** Plans for an upgraded septic systems were presented by Kelly, Granger and Parsons. Board approved the 1 foot reduction to estimated seasonal high groundwater local upgrade approval request based on maximum feasible compliance (3-0).
- 5) **COVID-19**
State and county cases continue to rise sharply
Turn around time for results of PCR tests is 24 – 36 hours
Vaccine has been administered to the vast majority of medical staff at BHS
First responders in Berkshire County will receive their first dose of vaccine the week of January 11th. Clinics have been divided in three locations: north, central and south county.
The weekly communication to the community will address raising positive cases and vaccine roll-out. The Board will review all drafts of written COVID material (emails as well as newsletter submissions) before the release of the communication.
- 6) **FY2022 Budget** The EBOH took in approximately \$20,000 in permit fees in CY2020. Much of the FY21 BOH expense budget will go unspent due to COVID limitations on

gatherings, meetings, in-person classes and travel. Vote taken (3-0) to level fund budget for department expenses for FY22.

- 7) **Beaver Permit/Baldwin Hill South** A beaver permit was issued to Jim Noe, Egremont Road Superintendent for the purpose of trapping a beaver to avoid road flooding on Baldwin Hill South near the fire pond and Egremont Land Trust property.
- 8) **Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Program** Director Haas informed the Board of the town's desire to apply to this state program which will update the town's Hazard Mitigation Plan as well as create a Climate Action Plan to inquire if a member of the Board of Health would like to serve on the committee.
- 9) Meeting adjourned at 11:17 am. The next EBOH is scheduled for Thursday January 28, 2021 at 10:00 am.

*Approved JSHaas
1/28/2021*